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## Fascist Crackpot

IN January IN FACT's editor received a threat from a crackpot Fascist named George W Christians. Rioting, lynching, and the hanging of several of the highest placed officials of the nation were also urged. For these reasons, rather than the personal threat, IN FACT sent the evidence to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Christians headed the Crusader White Shirts. He mixed with his murder threats printed sheets urging economic justice in just the same manner Coughlin mixes pleas for social justice with his Fascism. Both are copied from Mussolini who rewrote the manifesto of Karl Marx, adding 4 points to Marx's 10. Coughlin had 16 points and Hitler's original manifesto promising labor a socialized state had 25.

After Christians' death threat story was printed (IN FACT Jan 12, Jan 26) he wrote again boasting that he was not afraid of the Dies Un-American Committee. All this stuff was turned over to the FBI.

March 27 Att'y Gen'l Biddle ordered Christians arrested for sedition. The FBI acted. Again the Dies Committee stands revealed as failing to act against Fascists.

## Standard Oil's Treason

THE long-suppressed rubber scandal has finally broken wide open, and the revelations not only bear out every charge made in the liberal press—drowned out in the labor-baiting chorus of advertising-bought commercial papers—for a year and more, but go far beyond. Assistant Attorney General Thurman Arnold has brought out, in such a way that the press could not ignore it—though many papers deliberately played it down—that Standard Oil and Hitler's I G Farbenindustrie had between them prevented the production of synthetic rubber in the United States *not only before Pearl Harbor but after*. Not only that, but SO was dickering as late as September 1939, with the Japanese commercial trust of Mitsui for arrangements which would permit them to resume business as soon as the war between the United States and Japan—which SO clearly foresaw—was over.

"It's treason!" exclaimed Senator Truman, after Arnold's testimony March 26. Treason which the vast majority of the commercial press in the United States had deliberately covered up for months, until they could cover it no longer. The speech of Norman M Littell, another Assistant Attorney General of U S (IN FACT March 9-16) gave the disastrous history of France's fall, due

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**W**ASHINGTON—The outstanding fact, which anyone with political and journalistic connections can learn immediately on his arrival in the nation's capital, is that a large part of Congress, perhaps a majority, is not devoting most of its time to fighting the Japanese, the Germans and their other Fascist allies.

Congress is actually fighting three wars, devoting its time and most of its energies to the first, although the second war gets all the headlines, and doing very little about the third except using it as an excuse for waving the flag over its main activities. These wars are:

First, the war against the New Deal, against past, present and future legislation roughly termed New Deal and including everything for the general betterment of America (in which labor is the majority) if that betterment is at the expense of private wealth and power.

Second, a war directly against labor, against the gains made by the majority in a hundred years. Labor is being attacked by a coalition of reactionary Northern and Southern Congressmen, Republicans and Democrats, with a large part of the press spreading one of the biggest lies of the century, the 40-hour-week lie.

Third, the war against the Japanese, Nazis, etc, which runs a bad third, and is largely used as a stick with which to beat labor.

The situation in Washington is much worse than it was before Pearl Harbor, when America was not in war, merely in a state of national defense. At that time production was not satisfactory, owing to the sabotage by Dollar-a-year men, the monopolization of contracts by the big corporations, and the general rush for profits by Big Business.

At that time Bernard M Baruch, who ran the \$20,000,000,000 war production program of the U S in 1917-18, told the editor of IN FACT he did not believe the men responsible for the failure of our defense program were traitors. Baruch said:

"Their one trouble is that they hate someone else more than they hate Hitler."

Since then, Hitler and Hirohito have attacked the United States, and many of the Big Business men have been dropped. Now it is Congress which hates someone more than Hitler. Congress is devoting itself to fighting the New Deal and the chief beneficiary of the New Deal, the majority of the American people.

## PRESS FOOLS PUBLIC ON 40-HOUR WEEK

The same Congress which refused to act when the labor unions a year ago produced three great plans for converting industry to war work, doubling production, and preventing the present delay, is now using a lie illustrating the Hitler theory that lies must be "colossal" so that even if exposed some parts of them will stick. The current colossal lie was spread by the newspapers and politicians from the poll-tax states. One of the originators was the Daily Oklahoman.

Beginning early in March, this newspaper began printing a coupon threatening the re-election of Congressmen who did not yield to its lies. Here is the coupon as it appeared on P 1, March 12:

### MY PLEDGE TO HELP WIN THE WAR

I solemnly pledge that I will refuse to vote for the re-election of any U S Senator or any U S Congressman who does not consistently vote for a law outlawing all strikes in every industry connected with defense and who does not vote to abolish the limitations of 40 hours a week labor in defense industries for the remainder of the war. (Signed) .....

The main falsehood is the statement that there is a law making 40 hours the limit. The fact is that the whole dispute involves payment of a few cents more per hour for the two, four, eight or twelve hours per week worked in addition to the 40. The 40-hour law is the successor to the 48-hour law which was the

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Re-entered as second-class matter March 12, 1941, at the post office at New York, N. Y., under the act of March 3, 1879.



successor to a lawless era in which employers could force men to work at a flat rate any number of hours.

The Administrator of the Wage and Hours Division, U S Dep't of Labor, L Metcalfe Walling testified as follows:

"In the war industries of America today there is no 40-hour week. . . .

"Ninety percent of the plants in important defense industries today are operating more than 70 hours a week. Three-fourths of these plants are operating some departments at least 120 hours a week. Two-fifths of them are carrying on an important amount of production for more than 160 hours a week. . . .

"No, we are not fighting this war on a 40-hour week . . . much as some of our editorial writers would have you believe."

In shipbuilding, for example, the Dep't of Labor official pointed out, more than 90% are working an average of more than 12 hours overtime per man per job; 96% in machinetool industry are working 56 hours a week; 66% of our engine builders are working 54 hours a week.

There is no news story, no problem, no question of a 40-hour week because wherever and whenever possible labor works more than 40 hours and it is labor which produced plans for working not merely 160 hours a week, but 168 hours—three shifts of 8 hours a day every day in the week. The only question is pay for overtime, and General Knudsen, Donald Nelson and other big businessmen now in gov't service want this system continued.

There is therefore no 40-hour question. Nevertheless Congress and the press and radio have made it the main question for weeks in Washington and given their time to this phony "issue" instead of to winning the war.

According to President Green of the American Federation of Labor, "The nation cannot afford in such a crisis to take time out to fight another and undeclared war among ourselves in America," and yet this is just what Congress is doing. Green continues:

"The sponsors and supporters of this (anti-labor) bill are now engaged in waging an undeclared war against President Roosevelt and against the workers of America who believe in the policies of this administration."

Walter Lippmann wrote in his Washington Post column March 26, "Congress is a very bad influence on the conduct of the war."

Federated Press, which serves labor-liberal weeklies including IN FACT, reports from its Washington bureau:

"Hitler is not the sole believer in a Spring Offensive. There are those in this country who are mobilizing their reserves for a mighty Spring offensive against labor. . . . To many in this country, the President and the New Deal are greater enemies than Hitler and Hirohito and, in striking at the labor movement they strike at the foundations of the New Deal and the President."

### ***Poll Tax Legislators Lead Attack***

The native Fascists fighting not only the New Deal but all legislation which aims at social welfare rather than refilling their own pork barrels, are mostly Southern poll-tax Congressmen, sent to Congress by districts where the majority do not vote. Some of them have in the past endorsed Mussolini and Hitler, others have presented bills which tally with the Fascist labor charter and other legislation that ushered in the total enslavement of the people in Germany and Italy. Native American Fascist leaders in Congress are Howard W Smith (Va), Martin Dies (Tex) Sam Byrd (Va). Twelve of the House's 44 important standing committees are headed by poll-tax Congressmen; in the Senate, 10 of the 33 standing committees have chairmen elected from poll-tax states. Typical of these reactionaries are Representatives Ramspeck (Ga); Sumners (Tex); Vinson (Ga); Rankin (Miss) and Senators Connally (Tex); George (Ga); Glass (Va); Smith (S C).

These and other members of Congress are all Democrats and although the New Deal, the Wagner Act, social security, collective bargaining and similar legislation has been initiated by the Democratic Party, they have consistently opposed it. Southern business has been accused of being more Fascist than Northern business because of the South's lower wages, worse working conditions, lower standard of living. It is rarely pointed out that most Southern business is owned in the North. The difference between North and South is that in the North it has been possible to organize public opinion and labor to force Big Business to make concessions, whereas in the South the same corporations, thanks to the native Fascist politicians, have been able to maintain conditions which prevailed in the North half a century ago. But labor's enemy in the South, as in the North, has always been the same group of ruling families.

### ***President Denounces Treason, Does Not Name Traitors***

The President denounced the Washington Cliveden set but he did not name names, suggesting that the Washington newspaper men, all of whom know who the appeasers and traitors are—including some of their own editors and publishers—do so.

The President has also denounced the Fifth Column and Sixth Column but mentioned no names. These terms, Cliveden Set, Fifth Column, Sixth Column, lose all effectiveness unless names are named and traitors exposed. A Fifth

to the penetration of Nazi Big Business, the hamstringing of Britain's efforts to prepare itself, for the same reason, and cited the many instances of Nazi penetration into America's economy. IN FACT said editorially that "the conduct of the war, and the shape of the ensuing peace are endangered by this relationship between the biggest private concerns in America with concerns in Germany which are part of the Nazi regime."

In the same issue (March 9) we cited an example of a big newspaper white-washing the treasonable activities of Big Business, in Royal F Munger's financial column in the Chicago Daily News. Munger referred to the SO-Nazi rubber deal, tut-tutted, and then said, "it would be absurd to doubt the patriotism of the management of Standard of NJ." The New Deal was to blame. Munger wrote in objecting to our calling this a white-wash, asking if we had any evidence on the SO deal with I G Farben to let him have it. Well, Munger has the evidence now, spread on the records of Congress. We would be delighted and astonished to see him use it fully, and draw the inevitable conclusion from it, that the cartel system endangers the country's interests, mullets consumers here during peace, and makes for treason during war. Small liberal weeklies which have few ads have stated this time and again. Big Business papers like the Chicago Daily News have not and will not.

### ***Same Old Gang***

UNDER this heading Labor's Non-Partisan League, which speaks for 5,000,000 men in the CIO, states (March 24) that it is not the 40-hour week but "the destruction of organized labor" which is the main purpose of Rep Howard Smith and other native Fascists in Congress. Says LNPL: "In their desperate lunges at labor they seek to disunite the nation, pitting farmer against worker, and the soldier at the front against the soldier in the factory. Even at a time when there is not a single strike in war industry, the anti-labor bloc in Congress screams loudly about labor impeding production. This gang is really only a handful of arch-reactionaries which represents neither the people nor most of industry. Their most potent ally is the press which plays up their every remark in headlines and buries the facts among the want ads. Every few months they create an artificial crisis for labor, citing mythical figures and seizing on small incidents which they distort. Whether knowing it or not, this gang is doing Hitler's work. They are the Fifth Column in America."

If the CIO assessed its membership 50¢ a year it could establish daily newspapers which would run the crooked and lying press out of business. Most of the Newspaper Guild's 17,000 newspapermen would be glad to work for free papers.

### ***Liars Applauded***

THE lying Oklahoma newspapers (exposed in the wide column) come in for editorial applause in Editor & Publisher (March 28) the voice of the publishers of America. E&P's editorial accuses Congressmen and members of Roosevelt Administration of sneering "at the waning of newspaper influence on public opinion" then applauds World-Telegram and Gaylord papers for anti-labor editorials which resulted in 100,000 tele-



grams and letters being sent to Congressmen. E&P editor Arthur Robb concludes editorial by himself repeating stale lie about labor not waking up after Pearl Harbor. Facts are labor woke up but advertisers and large corporations including advertisers in Robb's weekly continued to sabotage war effort. Robb claims "labor leaders chose to play close poker" when "every other element in the community faced heavy sacrifices." This is journalistic falsehood. Mr Robb is about the only man in America who believes what he reads in the papers.

### Satevepost Fascism

THE Fascist record of the Saturday Evening Post (3,000,000 circulation, 15,000,000? readers) began in the early 1920's when it hired Isaac Marcossan, a Jewish journalist, to write in praise of Mussolini. Kenneth L Roberts, Garet Garrett, Richard Washburn Child and others continued to praise Fascism in SEP. More recently SatEvePost hired a writer William McFee and a labor spy and murderer named Jerome Madeiros, alias King, to prepare a slanderous attack on the National Maritime Union, especially Joe Curran, its head. (Incidentally on March 14 The Nation, liberal weekly, hired the same William McFee to review a book. The ways of liberalism are unexplainable.)

Last month SEP had a shakeup. Editor W W Stout and others are out. But March 28 issue had main story titled "The Case Against the Jew." It was written by Jewish journalist Milton Mayer. It is a vicious smear against the Jewish people which liberal Christians, Mohammedans and non-believers are protesting. SEP pays about \$2,000 a story. Readers Digest also pays about \$2,000 for its redbaiting anti-labor pieces. For \$2,000 you can get brass-checkers to polish anything.

SatEvePost is run by Walter D Fuller. Fuller was president National Ass'n of Manufacturers, still holds high position in NAM which still baits labor, still directs most powerful lobby in Washington working for reactionary forces and against general welfare of the U S.

### Suppressed Manifesto

WHEN three famous German writers—Heinrich Mann, Lion Feuchtwanger, Bertold Brecht—issue an appeal to the German people to revolt against Hitler, it's not news to NY press. Dr Kurt Rosenfeld, last Minister of Justice of Prussia before Hitler, added his signature as chairman of the German-American Emergency Conference, but of the commercial papers only the World-Telegram gave the manifesto any space. The manifesto appeals to the Germans:

"You can force him (Hitler) to abdicate. Whatever the cost to yourselves,

Columnist is a traitor, and according to the President, the Sixth Column consists of people, some writing for newspapers, talking over the radio, spouting at cocktail parties, who spread rumor and gossip, and general confusion about the war against Fascism.

Questioning as to whether he intended to apply the "Sixth Column" label to those sponsoring the present campaign for abolition of labor laws produced the impression that the President definitely had such persons in mind.

If the "Sixth Column" were not in existence, the President told his press conference (March 24), there would be little that enemy agents could do. Asked if he would elaborate on his statement the President said he would have to decline because it would include too many people present. The question was asked as to whether "Sixth Columnists" are responsible for the present attack on labor. The President replied that he did not know enough about the attack, that some people said yes while others said no. One member of the House, he recalled, recently made a speech, which the newspapers did not carry, charging that the campaign to repeal labor laws was an organized activity. He emphatically noted that the speech was not mentioned in any of the papers.

Asked what could be done to prevent the spreading of tales and the activities of the "Sixth Column," the President said he thought it would go out of business because public opinion is catching up.

Freedom of the press, the President said, is a matter of opinion. He added that he didn't think the newspapers still have the influence they once had and did not think anybody in the room thought so. One reporter said he thought newspapers were as influential as ever and the President expressed surprise.

Asked whether the papers had fooled anybody on the labor issue the President replied that they had, very definitely. He has received letters from five editors, the President explained, all of whom he knew to be sincere people asking why the government did not permit people to work more than 40 hours a week. At previous press conferences he explained that the issue of working 40 hours a week is not at stake, that it is a question of how much shall be paid.

### President's Third Counter-Attack

The occasion was the third consecutive press conference at which the President undertook to counteract newspaper editorials contending that payment of overtime is responsible for slowing up production. On March 17 he lashed out at newspaper publishers for playing up strike news while on March 20 he cited figures showing that most war industries are working more than 40 hours a week.

The most important statement by President Roosevelt at the March 24 press conference was his belief "that the people have been very definitely fooled on the labor situation."

This is an indictment of the radio fakers—chief of whom is H V Kaltenborn—and the press, as well as the Fascist Congressmen of the Smith-Dies-Byrd type.

The statement constituted what most newspaper men but few newspapers regarded as the biggest story of the day. The Chicago Sun in its biggest type, all across its 8 columns, headlined it:

#### 6TH COLUMN HIT BY F D R

Being in Washington, IN FACT's editor studied press corruption, distortion, suppression and fakery in the capital. Naturally Washington news is supposed to be the big news here, but when the news is contrary to the reactionary bias of the boss, even the biggest stories are hidden away.

Thus the leading paper of Washington, the Post, the morning of March 25 had nothing on the front page on the biggest facts of the day. Here are the NYTimes P 1 stories which did not appear on P 1 of the Wash Post:

#### NELSON OPPOSES LABOR CURBS (3-col)

#### 'SIXTH COLUMN' SEEN BY THE PRESIDENT (1-col)

What the Post did was publish a story on page 16. It was headed "President opposes any change in 40-hour week law now" and half way down in this item it buried its story of the Sixth Column.

The actual story of the press starting the 40-hour week falsehood was not printed in most papers. On the contrary, the Daily Oklahoman lie was taken up and spread by many radio liars, columnist liars and publisher liars.

### Daily Oklahoman Power Trust Stooge

Publisher of the Daily Oklahoman, newspaper which started the present wave of falsehood, is E K Gaylord. He also published Oklahoma City Times, which last week linked the 40-hour falsehood with "boon-doggling" and the Rural Electrification Administration. Gaylord hates the New Deal for the REA, which is bringing cheap electricity to farmers and raising the standard of living wherever it goes or wherever fear of it makes the power trust lower prices and put in lines.

Some time ago the Daily Oklahoman's managing editor, also president of the American Society of Newspaper Editors, told a convention of this outfit:

"No editor who uses his newspaper to promote his own interests or the interests of a public utility, private corporation, or politician, from which he receives bribes in money . . . is worth the name. . . . Editors are not bought with advertising. . . . Any suggestion to the contrary causes me to question the intelligence of the man who makes it."

Whereupon Carl D Thompson, fighter for public ownership, wrote:

"The news letters of the information bureau (Oklahoma Public Service, a propaganda bureau, part of the \$25,000,000 fund by which the private utilities corrupted the press) were often used by the local newspapers as editorials. Their

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leading items often appeared in the larger newspapers, as, for example, in the Oklahoma City Daily Oklahoman and the Tulsa Daily World, the largest papers in Oklahoma. (Source: "Confession of the Power Trust.")

In addition to fooling the readers of his two Oklahoma City papers, Gaylord also fools the farmers by reprinting the lie about the 40-hour week in his fortnightly "The Farmer-Stockman." In the March 15 issue the farmers are told that they must sign the pledge and send it to Congressmen in order to "extend the work week to 48 or 50 hours instead of 40."

### **Nazi Propaganda Machine at Work**

Among the leaders of the wolf-pack against labor is the Scripps-Howard press (19 papers in 18 cities). March 5 the chain's bellweather, NYWorld-Telegram published a front-page editorial, since then reprinted by General Electric and other anti-labor corporations, entitled "Wake Up, America—It's Late." Beginning with a patriotic appeal against Hitler, the editorial turned into the usual anti-labor propaganda which has made it so acceptable to the corporations. The World-Telegram later published many letters praising itself, but it suppressed critical letters. Prof Clyde Miller of Teachers College, former sec'y Institute for Propaganda Analysis, wrote a letter which was suppressed. He concluded: "As I read the WT and note its continuous campaigning against labor unions and education and expenditures for public welfare and higher standards of living and better health and all the things the great Scripps [founder of Scripps-Howard chain, now run by anti-labor Roy Howard] believed in, the thought came to me that perhaps there are still those in the SH organization that have his ideals. Perhaps one such person might write the kind of editorial that the WT needs for its own editorial staff. It might be entitled, 'Wake Up, World-Telegram—It's Late.'"

According to Twohey Associates, who measure editorial opinion of newspapers, as Gallup measures public opinion, no more than 6% of the press of America objected to anti-labor drive in Congress, and the fakery of the 40-hour hysteria.

According to Wage-Hour Administrator Walling, who prefaced his statement with the remark that he did not want to sound too sensational, "we know our enemies abroad are skillful and ingenious in propaganda and they know their men. They know our weaknesses; they know the technique of dividing us."

"The Nazi propaganda machine is behind this whole movement to do away with labor and wage standards, and the newspapers have been taken in."

Many newspapers sneered at this suggestion that Nazi propaganda is behind the anti-labor wave. However, a visit to Washington provides the evidence that such Representatives as Smith and Dies, and Senators such as Byrd are certainly deserving of the honorable mention they have been getting over the Berlin radio for their fine work in disrupting war production and turning the war against Hitler into a war against labor and the New Deal.

### **HEARST ACCUSED IN COURT OF AIDING NAZIS**

**I**N addition to the established fact that William Randolph Hearst, newspaper chain, magazine, movie and goldmine owner and California packer, employed Mussolini, Goering and other Fascists at \$1 a word to spread Nazi propaganda in America through his publications, a new charge, much more serious in view of the fact it deals with the present Nazi war against America, has just been made.

Barbara Hutton, wife of Douglas Hutton, who is a distant relative of the famous "Babs" Hutton, filed a \$25,000 suit in the NY Supreme Court February 27, 1942 against Hearst Metrotone News, Ariel Vargas, a Hearst movie man, Loew's Inc, and Laudy Lawrence, former foreign manager of Loew's, charging conspiracy.

Mrs Hutton claims the defendants conspired to make her an innocent party to bringing an Axis-made newsreel into the country in October 1941. The Nazi film was seized by the British in Bermuda, who declared it was "highly offensive and injurious to the Allies and liable for seizure by the British and/or the U S."

Mrs Hutton asserts she was approached by the individual defendants and asked to take some baggage and furs belonging to a Hearst executive to New York. She was searched at Bermuda when the Excambion stopped there and the Nazi film, secreted in the baggage, was found. She claims \$25,000 for being detained, crossexamined and suffering bodily injury.

Ariel Vargas was a motion picture operator who covered European events with the present editor of IN FACT for many years. Vargas during all these years was completely indifferent to political events. However, during the war started by the Franco-Fascists in Spain, Vargas participated in native Fascist activities in favor of Franco.

Not a word about this suit has appeared in the New York newspapers nor has it been sent throughout the country by the news agencies. Hearst, who throughout his lifetime has been accused by other papers and syndicates of stealing news and been found guilty in the courts, has hardly ever been mentioned in inimical newspapers. Hearst today has more shares in the Associated Press than any other man and the Associated Press has repeatedly refused to take action against him even when it was proven that its own news was being stolen by a Hearst agency. Newspapers generally suppress unfavorable news about fellow publishers, including libel suit news.

it will cost you much more dearly if you allow him to spread death and destruction over the face of the earth.

"The truth is that every enemy who is today arrayed against you is fired with the resolute will to put an end to German aggressions. The British Empire has the will. The United States of America has the will. Both of these great powers have the strength as well. Look at the Red Army and realize that the will to smash an aggressor includes the strength to smash him.

"Overpower your Fuehrer who is leading you, burdened with hatred and dishonor, into ruin. Accomplish in this eleventh hour the only thing you are free to do, in order to make your peace perhaps with humanity which never sought to have you as an enemy. Accomplish the only thing which can save Germany."

### **Technocracy Questioned**

JAMES BECK of Federated Press interviewed Howard Scott, director of Technocracy Inc to find out if this organization is Fascist and anti-union. Ads costing \$100,000 advocating "total conscription of men, machines, material and money—with national service from all and profits to none" have appeared in 40 papers, resulting in considerable favorable press reaction for Technocracy. Beck writes:

"The sudden and prosperous reappearance of technocracy caused astonishment in labor and liberal circles. 'Technocracy is America's only social movement: the rest of them originated abroad,' Scott said. His claim to native inspiration recalled many prophetic warnings that Fascism could be sold to the American people if only it carried the label, 'Made in U S A.'"

"Although Scott claimed that technocracy was 'pro-union,' he said that unions, together with corporate business, would be eliminated under his plan to win the war. Asked how labor was supposed to protect its rights with the unions eliminated, the Technocrat chief said: 'It is up to labor to propose safeguards for this.'"

"Scott denied that the gray suits worn by technocrats were uniforms. The reason for wearing these suits is merely that they are of good quality, practical and inexpensive, he said. In its rejuvenated state, technocracy has adopted an outstretched arm salute to accompany its gray uniforms and automobiles."

### **Fight Against Discrimination**

BERNARD J. HARKAVY, national secretary of the Jewish People's Committee, reports the usual conspiracy of silence is in progress against the Mintz and Cacchione bills which aim to end the "Christian Only" and other discriminatory help wanted ads in New York papers. The Cacchione bill, in the New York City Council, and the Mintz bill in the State Assembly, go right to the core of the problem: they prohibit any city or state department from advertising in a newspaper which publishes advertisements discriminatory to any race, creed or color.

Naturally the press has shut up like a clam about these two bills. Harkavy says only the NYPost has mentioned the Mintz bill; the Post's classified advertising is negligible. The People's Committee is planning mass meetings to mobilize support for these measures.





## Chapter I

THE FACTS ARE . . .

Is the Entire American Press Corrupt?

IT IS more than likely that in the time intervening between the writing of this book and the day it is read the World War, now being fought far away, will have become a reality, a matter of life and death, for millions of Americans. There may be long casualty lists, there may be bombardments of coastal cities, and the facts

# It's finished!

years of fighting the interests against the interests of America has grown more bitter, but labor has grown more powerful, more united, more conscious of the fact its greatest enemy is the corrupt, venal, dishonest and hypocritical press of the nation.

The time has come to establish a free press.

The End

George Seldes

## "THE FACTS ARE . . ."

*A Guide to Falsehood and Propaganda in the News and Radio*

George Seldes' new book goes on the presses in a few days. It is as timely as this morning's newspaper which, as IN FACT readers know, is loaded with anti-labor propaganda. It appears in the midst of one of the most shameless campaigns of press lying about labor that even this country has seen.

Seldes has divided his book into three parts and 15 chapters. Here are some of the headings: Is the entire press corrupt? The greatest power in war and peace. Agency of press corruption: advertising. The root of all evil. How to read the war news. Can you trust the military experts? Can you trust the war correspondents? How to read the editorial page. Can you trust the radio. People versus the press and radio. What are you going to do about it?

"THE FACTS ARE . . ." is being printed exclusively for IN FACT readers who take part in the current subscription contest, closing May 8.

PLEASE READ THE NEXT PAGE



GEORGE SELDES



# 1050 entered NOW — 5 weeks to go for IN FACT'S subscription contest

When we planned the subscription contest we knew our readers would get behind it enthusiastically. Results have justified our confidence. Including the mail received March 31st, we have received a total of 1050 entries. With another five weeks to go, we believe we will have well over 2000 contestants. Each contestant who sends in a minimum of five subscriptions and/or renewals will receive a FREE copy of George Seldes' new book "THE FACTS ARE . . ." The winner of the contest will receive a \$100 defense bond. Ten contestants will each receive a \$25.00 defense bond and 10 will each receive \$15.00 in defense stamps. Hundreds of other contestants (see rules) will be able to choose books and phonograph records they have always wanted to own as their prizes.

## BECOME A CONTESTANT! WE WILL SEND YOU A FREE COPY OF "THE FACTS ARE . . ."

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**10 THIRD PRIZES**—\$15.00 in defense stamps for the ten contestants turning in the next highest number of yearly subscriptions at \$1.

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